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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.56, applicants submit the documents attached hereto to be made of record in the above-identified case. A listing of said documents on form PTO-1449 is also attached.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a Final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113 but before payment of the Issue Fee.

No item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the statement after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Statement was known to any individual designated in $\S1.56(c)$ more than three months prior to the filing of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Attached is a Petition requesting consideration of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and the Petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).

The documents attached hereto are English translations of the Japanese references cited by the Examiner on the PTO-892 accompanying the Office Action of January 22, 2003.

This Statement is not intended to represent that no better art exists. Applicants reserve the right to contest the applicability of the documents attached hereto as prior art in the event that any information is discovered which demonstrates that said documents do not qualify as prior art.

Consideration of the present Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested. The claimed invention is, however, deemed to represent a patentable departure from the teachings of the prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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